

The discussion between Bulgarian and Hungarian ministers included energy, migration, and the European integration of the Western Balkans.

Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ekaterina Zaharieva during an official visit to Budapest discussed with her Hungarian counterpart Peter Szijjarto a wide range of issues on the bilateral and European agenda.

Energy security in central and eastern Europe was among the highlights of the talks.

Minister Zaharieva said that the Bulgarian Government's energy projects seek diversification of sources and routes. Balkan Stream is a Bulgarian project implemented according to the European rules. Together with the Bulgarian-Greek gas interconnector, it will enable households in Bulgaria and regionwide, including Hungary, to get gas from across the world. Minister Szijjarto said that his country attaches paramount importance to the completion of the Balkan Gas Hub and the Balkan Stream pipeline, including the interconnector with Greece and the liquefied natural gas terminal at Alexandroupoli. Hungary wants diversification and Bulgaria will ensure it through its territory, Szijjarto concluded.